

Marquette Area Public Schools
Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
 Central Administration Office 1201 W. Fair Marquette, MI 49855
Meeting Agenda: Tuesday September 24, 2019
6:00pm

Meeting began at 6:01 pm

In attendance:

Racehl Zillson	S	Central Business Office
Holly Bodjanac	PR	Graveraet
Mandy Miskovich	PR	Sandy Knoll
Deb Barry	S	Superintendent substitute
Jamie Randall	SBR	MSHS, SBR
Jodi Michael	PR	Graveraet
Justina Hautamaki	PR	Bothwell
Ashley Nicholas	TR	Graveraet
Kendra Dompierre	TR	Bothwell

PR=Parent Rep

SBR=School Board Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

Representative

Introductions

Perusal of minutes from May meeting: Read. No approval necessary.

MAPS Superintendent Report: Deb for Bill. LearnQuest went very well this summer. A lot of great feedback from most of the classes. Above and beyond the expectations. Ran a little bit of a deficit. Better than hoped for. Rachel created scheduling process, online, all new and went well. Greatest feedback was that teachers were operating in areas of their passions creating love of learning in their students. Roughly 75-100 students in each session, Some classes filled up, some smaller classes combined. Hoping to get schedule out earlier next year. Clay was a huge hit, Jake Feather. STEM pretty popular, cool projects. Young kids teacher walked them to next class, free lunch at the end. Breakfast at the start. Lot of families came and ate lunch all together and just paid for adult, then younger kids could eat too. Street tacos and fun stuff, vegetarian/gf options as needed.

Projected enrollment 3198 actually at 3270. Good news, but no budget from state yet so don't know about funding for next year. Perhaps recently approved. Budgeted 180 hoping it come in at 240. Bidding out efirm for parking lot and drop off at High school...probably two summers out. Door systems and camera systems in place for safety and security. TTT planning for cyber security and Marshall grant work. Roving lab to work with students. Superior Hills opened new book walk trail. NTN helped with that. Jeff Olson is Pendall Wall inductee...graduates of MSHS that exemplify forward motion, former coach in Ishpeming, suicide spokesman.

GASB 84 Governmental Accounting Standards Board rule number 84 dealing with student activity accounts. School districts making more accounts fiduciary than should be. Student activity funds that should be in general funds must be there by Dec 1, 2019:

Effects ALL ACCOUNTS FOR parent groups (Sunshine club, JJpack) anything not from state aid. Anything in those accounts must follow same rules as those for general accounts. Biggies: NO teacher appreciation, no buy alcohol, no give gifts, no pay sales tax, no pay for flowers or baby shower, anything not part of educational day. Cannot provide non-educational needs, coats, book, specific to one family. JJPacks can be kept because it is ONLY benefitting students not teachers or building. CCSA, SHAPE working on getting their own bank accounts with their own tax ID number. Marrion Evans fund...trying to get it to continue...not sure how yet...but may have to control it on their own. Will get back to Bothwell on that. IF it stays with the district it cannot benefit teachers or building or have administrative involvement.

Groups: can get a tax id rather than having an individual use their social security number. 501c3 is more work to fill out but does allow you to be tax exempt...requires a lot of work. May not need to form a 501c3. Will need an EIN (employee identification number). Please give that information to the district so they KNOW, and don't find out from an auditor down the road. DO NOT USE DISTRICT Tax ID unless the district holds your money. Reunion classes will have the same problems...will have to go off on their own.

We can't hold your money, unless you follow the new rules exactly.

District want accounts and parent groups to continue doing what they are doing, but the district has to follow the rules.

Principles can still use activity accounts, but only for things like field trips. Can still do candy jar, or "chip in" to order flowers or donate. But money cannot run through the general account.

Fundraising: Rule in MI revised School Code saying voluntary contributions for a specific purpose can be disallowed, but MUST be documented, noted what it's for not just for general fundraising. Would be helpful if fundraising notices specifically state this money goes to "the Marrion Evans Fund." Donor form being developed.

School Board report: Okayed vendors for snow plowing. Discussed enrollment. And what you hear above

School Reports:

Alternative High School: No report.

High School: Had one person in group that has child that vapes...has a urine test, drug tests her own kid. Available on Amazon. Homecoming next week, theme is "blast from the past" anything. Open house went very well, parents go through the kids day shortened. Musical is Nov 13-15 Adams Family. Nov 6-7 parent teacher conferences 4:30-7:30 then 3:00 to 7:30 theme is "Be Your Best Version."

Have not filled choral position for High School. 13 interviews, including teaching day. Good candidate, but couldn't meet former level. Hired Jan Borderson (retired/former choir teacher) 3 days a week to do program. Lizzie Gruegen is the other 2 days a week. Students are delighted.

Bothwell Middle School: Teachers using Bloomz, had some roll over money and need to raise \$12K this year. Penny war again.

SIT (school improvement team) team working on making building easier to manage and navigate...pictures on the doors, pictures...shop teacher working on making some signs and naming some hallway. Parent teacher conferences lining up with High school.

Cherry Creek: no report

Graveraet: Junior kindergarten this year. 6th year so first year of beginning kindergarteners have gone through Graveraet onto Bothwell. Just sent home Farm to School fundraiser, and added No Work fundraiser. Apparel forms and popcorn. (H.S. did not have much success with no work fundraiser). Can do Amazon Smile if as own group. Date of Fall fest was conflict...Baraga Harvest Festival...had trouble getting bounce houses and face painting, may cancel the event.

Sandy Knoll: Just had Little Caesars pizza fundraiser. Last year made \$4600, hoping to do the same. Picture day Oct 14th. Box top, now you scan in your receipts...not going well. Might do family fun night with Graveraet to do a joint event fundraiser/family night. Last year raised \$13000, this year starting with \$60. Were able to provide yearbooks for every kid, cost \$3800 for full color yearbook for each kid. Coke rewards? Maybe not sure.

Superior Hills: Not present.

Additional Items/Old business: Are other parent groups paying for AEDs? Batteries have to be replaced regularly. District pays for pads, batteries. Other parent groups are NOT paying for them. District is paying for them. Some folks have been reaching out for help with these, Linda Johnson works on finding grants to keep them maintained properly. District, all AED's in buildings paid for from general funds.

Getting second liaison office at H.S. Detective not just officer. Eases pressure on one.

Kaufman and police department are paying for it. Just happened recently.

New system for emergencies. Pendants going away, new system that doesn't cost anything.

Button on smart phone. Staff is asked to do it, don't have to do it. Free app on phone. Notifies faster. No middle man, RAVE panic button is quicker. Concern, RAVE tested in some rooms at Bothwell and system says, "call 911, we can't locate you." Specific location will be reported to District. Deb took a note.

Next Meeting Date: October 15

Adjourn. 7:06 Respectfully submitted by Justina Hautamaki.